

Healthy RI National Health Reform Implementation Taskforce

Notes from 6/11/10 Task Force as a Whole Meeting

Remarks from the Lt. Governor:

- Today is an organizational day. We will go over the structure of the undertaking and go over how things will work. We will break out into our work groups for some brief introductions and for discussion of some basic logistics.
- Thank you, everyone, for being here this morning. This really is a citizens' effort, and more and more people want to get connected into the undertaking. There is really a lot of commitment and expertise in this group.
- The mission of our group is:
 - To identify opportunities presented in federal bill
 - To ensure that we meet deadlines for these opportunities
 - To identify challenges and pitfalls for our state in the federal legislation
 - To come up with a substantive work plan for implementation in Rhode Island by the end of the summer.
- We, the full Task Force, will be meeting again July 15, August 19, and September 8.
- The 7 issue-based work groups are those that were introduced at the last Task Force meeting as well as additions suggested at the last Task Force meeting.
 - Thank you to the convenors. They are people with expertise in the issue who have volunteered time. They are:
 - Jennifer Wood for Insurance Market Reform/Coverage Expansion
 - Vince Mor for Long Term Care
 - Deb Faulkner for Exchange Design/Build
 - Melinda Thomas for Pilots/Grants
 - Carrie Bridge for Prevention
 - Robin Smith for Workforce Development
 - Tricia Leddy for Payment Reform/Delivery System
 - The Federal/State Coordination work group and the New England Collaborative work group do not have schedules yet. Their schedules will be more flexible and ad hoc. The Lt. Governor is currently reaching out to neighboring states to talk about what is possible/feasible.
 - Convenors are really facilitators who have expertise in the issue area. The policy interns will be the ones taking care of the logistics. We have to keep in mind that this is the summer, so we want to keep the work moving. To keep things moving, we have a combined effort: the convenors with their subject matter expertise and the group members who are volunteering their time will provide the knowledge base, and the policy interns will provide the logistical support.
 - The policy interns will serve as the communication hub for the work groups. They will deal with scheduling, conduct research for needed background information, take and send out minutes for work group meetings (which will also be posted to the website), and take care of the logistical details that tends to eat up time. They will also be the primary support for the drafting of work group reports and meeting notes.
 - We must identify the requirements for Rhode Island in the federal legislation. We have to make sure we communicate from the local level, and the local level probably wants

the federal level to hear and consider certain things, too. And again, we must identify federal deadlines!

- The work groups meet at least 6 times over 3 months, which will be difficult in summer, but with the level of expertise in this room, we *will* be able to do it!
- We will also work out a way for convenors to coordinate if there are issues across work groups.
- The charge for the break out session is to conduct brief introductions, to discuss whether the schedule will work for the group, and to take a look at template.
 - We have to talk about the meeting dates, and hopefully they will work out for everyone. If convenors cannot make it to a meeting, we will fill in. We want the schedule to be as flexible as possible.
 - For people who cannot be here, they will get minutes/notes.
 - The proposed default work group location is Panera in Cranston. It has a lot of pros: there is a lot of separated space, you can grab coffee, people can just show up, and it's a central location off the highway. But if the work group can identify a better location, you can, of course, meet at another location. The work groups have control over their own schedules and locations.
 - The template ensures that we come to a fairly common endpoint by the end of the summer. We want the recommendations to be consistent across the Task Force report, across the issue areas.
 - The goal is to get the work done.
- After this meeting, you will also get an update of work group membership.
- If you want to sign up for work groups at this time, please talk to Jenn or Jia.
- We will now have two quick rounds of break outs where you will meet your convenor and your policy intern and will confirm your work group's meeting locations and times. The goal for the break out is to get to know each other and to talk logistics.

[Break outs]

In attendance:

Donna Policastro
Amy Gallagher
Craig O'Connor
Robin Benoit
Michael Vittoria
Beth Lange
Rebecca Martish
Jen Jaswell
Patricia Flanagan
Amy Black
Mark S. Deion
Robin Smith
Linda Katz
Nick Tsiongas
Joanne Bilotta
Linda Lulli
Jim Nyberg
Elaina Goldstein
Owen Heleen
Don Nokes
Herb Gray
Melinda Thomas
Anya Wallack
Ed Quinlan
Mark Reynolds
Carrie Bridges
Denise Javery
Monica Neronha
Stacy Paterno
Linn Freedman
Steve Zubiago
Tricia Leddy
Lita Orefice
Carol Buch
Rebecca Kislak
Angela Sherwin
Elizabeth Burke Bryant
Phil Papoojian